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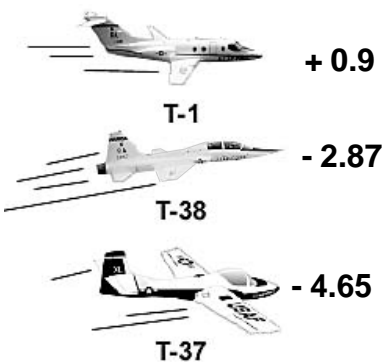
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### Mission status

(As of Feb. 27)

Days ahead(+) or behind(-)



Fiscal Year 2001 statistics

--Sorties flown: 24,856  
--Hours flown: 37,263.1  
--Pilot wings earned in FY 01: 115  
--Wings earned since 1963: 11,823

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## Air Force pilot dies in crash

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE – At approximately 4:18 p.m. Eastern Standard Time Feb. 21, a T-45 Goshawk training aircraft crashed into the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Florida killing two pilots, one Air Force and the other Navy.

The body of Air Force Capt. Justin Sanders of the 33rd Training Squadron at Vance Air Force Base, Okla., was recovered. Navy Lt. Gregory Fulco, a VT-22 instructor pilot at Naval Air Station Kingsville, was presumed dead when the search was called off because of darkness.

The crash occurred approximately 81 nautical miles from Mayport, Fla. Captain Sanders and Lieutenant Fulco were performing safety observer

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

### Now we're cookin'!

Senior Airman Karl Lacsina, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron bioenvironmental engineering technician, and Airman Beverly LeDoux, 47th Mission Support Squadron student outbound assignments apprentice, demonstrate their cooking skills at the base Chapel Tuesday. The Chapel staff is now opening its kitchen to dorm airmen every Friday at 5 p.m. For more information on this program, call the Chapel at 298-5111.

## Laughlin environmental climate is 'healthy'

By Jim Teet

Public affairs

Inspectors from the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence and Air Education and Training Command took a close look at Laughlin early this month. After evaluating 13 different environmental areas, the base was declared healthy – which is similar to receiving an outstanding for an operational readiness inspection.

The rating is the result of the 2001 Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program assessment. The ECAMP team also commented that Laughlin is the most environmentally improved base in the command when compared to the 1999 inspection. The base reduced its negative findings by 60 percent, with no repeat write-ups.

The 20 ECAMP inspectors reported zero findings in

all aircraft maintenance activities here. According to 1st Lt. Nathan Fannesbeck, environmental impact analysis program manager for the 47th Civil Engineer Squadron, this is the first time an AETC aircraft maintenance organization has achieved this perfect mark. Jerry Schmit of Laughlin Civil Service Aircraft Maintenance, who serves as the single point of contact for all LCSAM environmental issues, was named an Outstanding Performer for the perfect mark achieved in maintenance.

Inspectors also praised the Laughlin Hazardous Materials Pharmacy program, directed by Patrick Woods of the Laughlin environmental flight. They labeled it a model program for functioning well across organizational barriers and efficiently managing the entire local hazardous materials process. Woods was singled out by the ECAMP team as an

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# Commanders' Corner

## What is good leadership?

By Lt. Col. Tom Davidson  
85th Flying Training Wing commander

There are many aspects of leadership and many theories on how leaders develop. One common theme among the myriad examples of great leaders is integrity. It is a basic ingredient of leadership and is the basis of trust. Consider three essential parts of integrity: know yourself, honesty, and maturity.

"Know thyself," was the inscription over the

Oracle at Delphi. It is still the most difficult task most of us face. Until you know yourself – both your strengths and weaknesses – you can't succeed in any but the most superficial sense. For those of you who remember the "Dirty Harry" character, played by actor Clint Eastwood, you'll remember the line, "A man's got to know his limitations." You need to know what you want to do, why you want to do it, what you consist of and what you want to make of it.

Honesty is the key to knowing yourself. A leader never lies to himself, especially about his flaws. Additionally, honesty is a fundamental soundness and wholeness in both thought and action. A leader must hold a steadfast devotion to principle and lead by example. Consider the case of a leader who demands honesty from his people, but then lies about being an O' Club member to avoid paying the surcharge on meals. He lacks professional integrity and will soon lose the trust of his followers and other leaders.

Maturity is important to a leader because leading is not simply showing the way or giving orders. Leaders grow through the experience of both leading and following. They have to be dedicated, observant, able to work with others, able to learn from others and always truthful.

Having found these three qualities in himself, a leader can find them in others and encourage the growth and develop of new leaders. Remember, the job of a leader is to grow his or her replacement. The future of our Air Force and our nation depends on it.

## Lack of stripes doesn't diminish individual status, worth

By Airman 1st Class  
Jennifer Andrews  
Travis AFB, Calif.

Air Force statistics indicate the average airman coming into the Air Force is 19.9 years old. Out of those airmen, nearly 16 percent had at least 15 hours of college credit.

Last year alone, 325 new recruits started basic training with a college degree and 13 of those had a master's degree. I am part of that percentage of new recruits with a college degree who chose to serve as an enlisted person. I was surprised when I arrived here to find that some assume the lack of rank to be a lack of intelligence.

This assumption is not true. Most airmen are smart, motivated and want to make a difference. The

Air Force recruits airmen saying it holds them to a higher standard and only wants the "best of the best" to serve within its ranks. Yet, once new airmen arrive at their permanent station, this recruiting concept may be lost if new airmen aren't treated as the best of the best or held to a higher standard.

Today's airmen are not carbon copies of yesterday's Air Force. We come with different perspectives and an abundance of innovative ideas. Yes, we lack military experience. Yes, some of our ideas are not practical in a military environment. However, when energetic airmen are stifled and not given an opportunity to shine and show intelligence, the Air Force is being cheated out of an extremely

valuable resource.

Effective leaders bridge the experience gap by being mentors. When the time is taken to empower airmen, the military benefits from unexpected results.

In November, eight airmen here earned almost \$9,500 from the Air Force's Innovative Development through Employee Awareness pro-

gram. Four members of the team were junior enlisted. Their contributions helped improve the government bill of lading process for the squadron's freight management section. The innovative idea saves Travis AFB about \$68,000 annually.

A senior airman from Eglin AFB, Fla., received the 1998 Air Force Submitter of the Year award. It is

the most prestigious award associated with the IDEA program. In 1998, the Air Force accepted 14 of his 21 ideas submitted. He is credited with saving the Air Force more than \$93,762.

Airman 1st Class John Levitow was the lowest ranking airman in history to receive the Medal of Honor. He was a 23-year-old airman first class working as a loadmaster aboard an AC-47 during the Vietnam War when he threw himself on a magnesium flare to save the lives of the people on board.

In these cases, the airmen were held accountable for their actions and respected for their initiative. They did not succeed all on their own, but under the guidance of their leaders.

Part of what leadership means is  
**See 'Worth,' page 7**



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Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit  
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**"Excellence – not our goal, but our standard."**

– 47 FTW motto

# Three Laughlin majors to pin on lieutenant colonel

A board recently selected three Laughlin majors for promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Majors Cheryl Thompson, 47th Flying Training Wing legal office staff judge advocate; Michelle Miller, 47th Contracting Squadron commander; and Robert J. Craven, 87th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, were selected to pin on

silver leaves from among 9,261 eligible majors.

Selection statistics in-the-promotion zone are:

■ **Line** – 1,118 officers selected from 1,718 considered for a 65.1 percent select rate.

■ **JAG** – 33 officers selected from 45 considered for a 73.3 percent select rate.

■ **CHAP** – 21 officers selected from 36 considered for

a 58.3 percent select rate.

■ **MSC** – 28 officers selected from 37 considered for a 75.7 percent select rate.

■ **NC** – 67 officers selected from 125 considered for a 53.6 percent select rate.

■ **BSC** – 60 officers selected from 87 considered for a 69.0 percent select rate.

Selection statistics above-the-promotion zone are:

■ **Line** – 43 officers selected from 1,946 considered for a 2.2 percent select rate.

■ **JAG** – One officer selected from 46 considered for a 2.2 percent select rate.

■ **NC** – Five officers selected from 80 considered for a 6.3 percent select rate.

■ **BSC** – One officer selected from 57 considered for a 1.8 percent select rate.

Selection statistics below-the-promotion zone are:

■ **Line** – 128 officers selected from 4,280 considered for a 3.0 percent select rate.

■ **MSC** – Two officers selected from 98 considered for a 2.0 percent select rate.

■ **NC** – Three officers selected from 360 considered for a .8 percent select rate.

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

## Laughlin welcomes first African-American CMSAF



Photo by Dave Niebergall

Col. Jack Egginton, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, presents retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Thomas N. Barnes with a memento following his address at the Black History Celebration.

**By Airman 1st Class  
Brad Pettit**

*Editor*

Laughlin welcomed home its first senior enlisted adviser and the Air Force's first African-American chief master sergeant of the Air Force at the Black History Celebration Saturday at Club XL.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Thomas N. Barnes was the keynote speaker for the 24th annual event celebrating Black History Month.

Chief Barnes joined the Air Force in 1949, serving his country 28 years in several capacities. He was Laughlin's first senior enlisted adviser, the Air Force's first African-American CMSAF and a senior enlisted adviser to two Air Force chiefs of staff.

"Most of us go through our lives and we read history, we are taught history, (but) very few of us actually make history," said Col. Jack Egginton, 47th Flying Training Wing commander. "He has, and continues to make history –

not only for the African-American community, but (also) for our Air Force and wonderful nation."

The chief spoke of African-American qualities and his desire for people to look not only to historical black men and women for inspiration, but to contemporary leaders as well. He also spoke of his time at Laughlin and the burden that comes with breaking new ground in America.

"There are persons who are making history now," said the chief. "Making history carries with it a burden. I was the first African-American CMSAF. Because of this, I am often asked why there hasn't been another one before or since. I can't answer that. But, I wonder when 'first' will stop being an ominous thing in our society and become the everyday."

Chief Barnes retired from the Air Force July 31, 1977. He now works as a rancher in Bonham where he is chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and a church deacon.

### Actionline

Call 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation, and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.



**Col. Jack Egginton**  
47 FTW commander

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# From the Blotter

(Feb. 10-16)



■ An individual inadvertently struck a parked vehicle as he entered a parking lot. Damages consisted of a broken rear passenger side tail-light and a partially broken rear bumper. Damages were estimated at \$250.

■ An individual reported a possible intoxicated driver in the vicinity of Ribas Dominici circle. Police units responded and had the operator perform a field sobriety test. After failing the test, the individual was turned over to the Val Verde County Sheriff's office.

■ Two individuals requested help in gaining access to their vehicles after locking their keys inside. Security forces gained access without damage.

■ A lost four-year-old child was found wandering around the enlisted housing area by a neighbor. Security forces picked up the child and returned him to his home.

## Tips of the week:

■ Make sure all valuables are marked, and keep an inventory. Participate in Operation ID. For more information, call 298-5100 or 298-5555.

■ Do not hide keys under doormats or similar areas.

■ Ensure your doors and windows are securely locked.

■ Inspect your locks to ensure they are in serviceable condition.

■ If you see anyone acting suspiciously, contact the security forces at 298-5100 or 298-5555.

■ Keep bushes next to your house trimmed to avoid giving a burglar a hiding spot.

■ Do not unnecessarily display valuable property or money.

■ Do not leave your children's toys/bikes outside.

■ Do not leave valuable property in your vehicle.

■ Participate in Operation House Watch while on TDY or leave. Call 298-5100 or 298-5555.

■ Make sure family members know to dial 911 in an emergency.

■ Have someone keep an eye on your quarters while you are gone (in addition to SF Operation House Watch).

■ Do not give your credit card number over the phone unless you initiated the call. Be careful when using a cordless phone; most can be monitored with a simple radio scanner.

■ Be extra careful when taking money out at ATM machines. Ensure no one is watching you enter your pin number.

## Question of the week

What animal best describes you? Why?



"An Alaskan sled dog because they are loyal and hard-working."

**Capt. Scott Jewell**  
87th Flying Training Squadron



"A bear because they are cute and cuddly."

**Capt. Angela O'Connell**  
96th Flying Training Squadron



"A hippo because they are laid back and want to hang out all day."

**2nd Lt. Matt Schnell**  
47th Operations Support Squadron



"A dog because they are loyal animals."

**Airman Gerson Hernandez**  
47th Services Division



# Base aircraft maintenance no longer an MEO

**By Chief Master Sgt. Johnny Hall**

*47th Flying Training Wing Manpower and Organization*

**A**ir Education and Training Command Headquarters has recently updated the command Unit Manpower Document to reflect changes to Laughlin's aircraft maintenance status from a Most Efficient Organization to a regular aircraft maintenance organization.

During the drawdown of the military in the late 1980s, the A-76 cost comparison process was used to determine the most cost-effective means of performing the aircraft maintenance function at Laughlin. The results of the A-76 cost comparison process concluded the work could be done at cheaper costs to the government if kept in-house and performed by a government civilian work force instead of contracting the work to the private sector.

According to HQ AETC, after the initial cost-comparison performance periods and approved five-year extensions have expired, the aircraft maintenance function can no longer be considered an MEO since a recompetition with the private sector has not been conducted. Laughlin is scheduled to restart the A-76 process in October 2004 and complete it by April 2007.

The A-76 process is lengthy. While waiting for the A-76 cost-comparison cycle to begin in three years, Laughlin will retain its current authorizations.

Laughlin has approximately 645 civilian employees who maintain three different major weapon systems and more than 250 aircraft. They provide an invaluable service to the Laughlin mission and the Air Force and will continue to do so in the future.

Laughlin will not lose any civilian authorizations from the reclassification.

The MEO can reorganize from its current organization structure to best suit the maintenance mission for Laughlin, based on approval by HQ AETC. The MEO is no longer restricted by its Performance Work Statement on its hours of operation, organization alignment or the number of people it has within the organization. These are issues for the wing manpower and civilian personnel offices to resolve.

The recompetition can be done before fiscal 2004. However, the completion of Keesler, Maxwell, Randolph and Lackland have priority, with AETC command staff heavily involved with the pick-a-base process for these bases.

## 'ECAMP,' from page 1

Outstanding Performer for his oversight of the pollution prevention, solid waste and hazardous material programs.

Two other Laughlin members were named Outstanding Performers. Maurice Cooper of the environmental flight manages the base hazardous waste program. He was cited for obtaining enthusiastic cooperation of all units generating waste, and his effective interaction with all managers and regulators eliminated all high-vulnerability findings from the 1999 ECAMP.

Lieutenant Fonnesbeck was selected as an Outstanding Performer by inspectors for revitalizing the environmental impact

analysis and air installation compatibility use zone programs. He also was cited for authoring an in-house environmental assessment for multiple runway construction projects at Spofford and Laughlin that would have cost up to \$50,000 if accomplished by a contractor, which is the normal procedure.

Col. Jack B. Egginton, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, expressed his thanks: "John Chiamonte, environmental flight chief, has gathered an impressive team to lead Laughlin's environmental programs. Their effectiveness in working with all organizations and the positive outcome of this inspection base-wide show everyone that we truly are a team and that we XL!"

## 'Crash,' from page 1

duties about one nautical mile from the aircraft carrier USS Eisenhower (CVN-69).

The Navy has begun an accident investigation to determine the cause of the accident.

The aircraft was temporarily assigned to a detachment based at NAS Jacksonville, Fla., where aircrews were performing aircraft carrier-landing qualifications.

The T-45A Goshawk is a two seat, high performance, fully carrier-capable, training aircraft. It provides the Navy the capability to train student naval aviators for high performance jet aircraft and initial carrier qualification.

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

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**this newspaper.**

## The *XLer*



**Staff Sgt. Jose Cavazos**  
*84th Flying Training Squadron*

**Hometown:** Brownsville, Texas.

**Family:** Wife, Michelle; daughter, Nadia, 11; sons, Joseph, 8, and Mark, 7.

**Time at Laughlin:** 1 year, 7 months.

**Time in service:** 13 years.

**Name one way to improve life at Laughlin:**

Places like the bowling alley should be open during holidays when families have free time together.

**Greatest accomplishment:** Raising good kids.

**Bad habit:** Eating junk food.

**Motto:** Never lose your sense of humor.

**Favorite beverage:** Coca Cola.

**Favorite food:** German chocolate cake.

**Hobbies:** Playing drums and keeping up with three kids.

**If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why?** Jesus Christ. Who could possibly be more interesting to talk with?

## Where are they now?

**Name:** Capt. Timothy P. Faaborg.

**Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin:** Class 93-08, April 1993.

**Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at:** C-141, McGuire AFB, N.J.

**Mission of your current aircraft?** Airland strategic airlift.

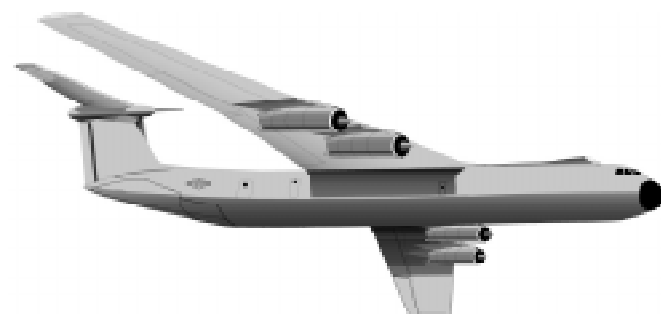
**What do you like most about your current aircraft?** It has a varied mission with no long deployments.

**What do you dislike most about your current aircraft?** It is getting old and going away.

**What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning to fly?** Checklist discipline and a love for margaritas.

**What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin?** My first solo in the T-38. I can't believe they paid me to do that.

**What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin?** Savor the flying, but work hard.



## Drops become gallons



# Chapel Schedule

**Catholic**

- Saturday Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.
- Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.
- Confession by appointment.
- Choir, 6 p.m. Thursdays.
- CCD, 11 a.m., Religious Education Building
- Little Rock Scripture Study, 11 a.m. Sunday in Chapel Fellowship Hall

**Jewish**

Max Stool, call 775-4519.

**Muslim**

Dr. Mostafa Salama, call 768-9200.

**Protestant**

- General worship, 11 a.m.
- Women’s Bible Study, 12:30-2:15 p.m.
- Wednesday at Chapel.
- Student Wives’ Fellowship, 7-9 p.m. Monday. Call 298-7365.
- Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. at the Religious Education Building.
- Choir, 7 p.m. Wednesday at Chapel

**Chapel Youth Group**

- Sunday, 5 p.m. Chapel Fellowship Hall

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being passionate about motivating others to succeed and holding them accountable when they don’t. NCOs and officers are required to

accept the responsibility of being leaders. In turn, airmen must accept responsibility to prove themselves.

(Courtesy of Air Force News Service)

## Chapel staff

**Chaplains**

- Lt. Col. Jeffery Swanson
- Maj. Frank Hamilton
- Capt. Larry Bailey
- Capt. Richard Black

**Chaplains’ Assistants**

- Tech. Sgt. Donald Williams
- Senior Airman Diana Beauvais
- Airman 1st Class Christina Deutsch

“God loves you, and we do, too.”

For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.

# Base members set sights on paintball

By Airman 1st Class

Brad Pettit

Editor

**C**rouching low and breathing hard, the camouflaged man grips his rifle in sweaty palms and surveys the terrain. He slowly advances through the thicket when he hears a stick break behind him. He pivots on his feet and swings his rifle around.

He is too late. A shot rings out, sending a projectile at his chest. "Hit!" he screams, looking down at the syrupy, crimson liquid dripping from his midriff. And then, smiling, he walks from the battlefield wiping paint off his clothes.

The sport of paintball has grown in popularity in recent years, attracting several thousand fans. Among these avid players are a handful of Laughlin members who, for the past several months, have gathered to play the extreme sport at various fields throughout the Del Rio community.

Paintball games pit one team against another, with each player armed with an air rifle, or "marker" to those who feel the term rifle or gun is associated with danger. These markers shoot projectiles containing water-based paint. Each team has a flag to defend and the first team to capture its opponent's flag or eliminate all its players from the game by exploding a paintball anywhere on their bodies wins.

Senior Airman Tani Canchola,

47th Operations Support Squadron aircrew life support technician, is one of the group's founders. He describes a paintball game as a simulated battle that can seem much like the real thing.

"It gives you a slight insight and appreciation as to what it's like in the middle of a cross-fire," he said. "It builds character and is a lot of fun, too!"

When a game begins, teams are on opposite ends of a field, out of sight from one another. Each side has an orange flag near its "fort." Each team strives to capture its opponent's flag. When a person captures a team flag, he still must make it back to his own team's fort without getting shot to officially win the game for his team.

"I think it illustrates the need for teamwork," said Senior Airman Christopher Formes, 47th Communications Squadron command support staff airman-in-charge. "If everyone on a team goes off and does their own thing, the team will most likely fail. But, when everyone is acting together, there is a good chance that team will not only win, but beat the other team down."

Paintball markers are regulated to a shooting speed of 300 feet per second. This regulation serves to prevent injuries that might result from playing the sport. Though this may save a person from a serious injury, it doesn't always spare him from a bruise or sting. Ray Flores, a Lear

**"It hurts!"**

**-Ray Flores**  
*Lear Siegler, Inc.*



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Senior Airman Tani Canchola, 47th Operations Support Squadron aircrew life support technician, takes aim during a paintball war near Laughlin Saturday.

Siegler Inc. machinist and avid player, doesn't mince words about the experience, "It hurts!"

Different players give different reasons why they are fascinated with the sport. Some of these are to sharpen war-fighting skills, get an adrenaline rush, or just have fun.

"It sharpens hand-eye coordination," said Flores. "It is also great practice for hunters."

The sport of paintball can get expensive, with markers ranging from \$100 to whatever a person is willing to pay, not to mention the cost of paintballs, which are not cheap.

Though it can remove some green from a person's wallet, according to Senior Airman Formes, those looking for fun will be hard pressed to find another sport as exciting as paintball.

"I'm out there every chance I get!" he said. "If your adrenaline doesn't start pumping when paintballs are flying inches from your head, then there is something definitely wrong with you!"

Both men and women are welcome to join the ranks of this group. For more information, call Senior Airman Canchola at 298-7747 or Senior Airman Formes at 298-5450.



## Laughlin history

**Q:** Laughlin's Top Three has dedicated a display for Chief Master Sgt. Thomas N. Barnes in the Enlisted Leadership/Heritage Center. Who is Chief Barnes?

(a) Laughlin's first senior enlisted adviser and the fourth chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

(b) Laughlin's first senior enlisted adviser, Air Education and Training Command senior enlisted adviser.

**A:** The correct answer is (b).

## AFAF campaign

The 2001 Air Force Assistance Fund began its campaign drive Monday, running through March 30. The annual AFAF campaign raises money for four charitable organizations benefiting active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired Air Force people and their families, including surviving spouses and their families.

Contact your unit representative in order to support fellow Air Force personnel in need.

## Women's softball

A Laughlin women's slow-pitch soft ball league is forming for women 18 years old and older.

For more information, call Tiny Ramirez at 298-2111 or Carol at 298-1282.

## Workout program

The XL Fitness Center is sponsoring a self-directed workout program called "Laughlin Around the World in 365 Days." The program simulates traveling from one place to another by using various pieces of fitness equipment to get there. Prizes will be awarded.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Javier Aguirre at 298-5326.

## Burger King hours

Burger King's new hours are Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 298-2111.

## Trap and skeet

A trap and skeet league is ongoing every Sunday from noon until 3 p.m. This is an individual league with no handicaps. One round of skeet and one of trap are available for everyone.

For more information, call Doug Peckham at 298-5830.

## Education exams

The base Education Office is offering a CLEP English Composition with essay exam April 10. The deadline to sign up is March 9. The test is



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

## Up to the challenge!

Airman 1st Class Christina Comstock (left), 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron information management specialist, and Airman 1st Class Irene E. Neidigh, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron public health apprentice, pose with their Airman's Manuals next to Master Sgt. Benny St. John, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight superintendent. The two airmen stood up to the

challenge given them by Master Sgt. St. John and Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Enyeart, 47th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant, which included a series of tests on the Airman's Manual. The command chief and Master Sgt. St. John picked up the tab on the airmen's lunch to recognize their initiative and knowledge of the Airman's Manual.

free to active-duty military personnel and \$46 for civilians.

An Automotive Service Excellence Certification exam is to be offered May 1, 3 and 8. The cost of each ASE exam is \$21 in addition to the \$26 registration fee. The deadline to sign up is March 9.

For more information, call the Education Office at 298-5545.

## Cookie sale

The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at the BX and the Commissary from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

## Supply training

Supply Block Training will be held beginning Tuesday in the Supply Training Room in Building 77. The classes and times are as follows:

Block I – General Supply Orientation, Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m.

Block IIA – Bench Stock Management, March 12 from 9 to 10 a.m.

Block IIB – Repair Cycle Management, March 15 – 9 to 10 a.m.

Block III – Equipment Management, March

21 from 9 to 10 a.m.

For more information, call Steve Rosales at 298-4225.

## Aerobics schedule

In March, there will be a new aerobics schedule at the XL Fitness Center. The class times are as follows:

**Monday** – 5 p.m., Step aerobics.

**Tuesday** – 11:30 a.m., Salsa aerobics.  
5 p.m., Kickboxing aerobics.

**Wednesday** – 11:30 a.m., Kickboxing aerobics.  
5 p.m., Step aerobics.

**Thursday** – 11:30 a.m., Salsa aerobics.  
5 p.m., Step aerobics.

**Friday** – 11:30 a.m., Kickboxing aerobics.  
For more information, call 5251.

## Change of command

The 47th Operations Support Squadron is having a change of command today at 4 p.m. on the flightline in front of Building 320. Lt. Col. John I. Dunham will take over as the 47 OSS commander as Lt. Col. Leonard Jankowski retires.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be in the Operations Training Complex auditorium.